

Letters to the Editor ...

Canadian Genocide Cover-up

Hi Duncan: I wonder if you have been kept abreast of developments regarding Rev. Kevin Annett in BC, Canada? If not, and for other readers concerned about the acts of the Canadian government and certain Native individuals and Canadian judiciary, then I would advise you to revisit the website at <http://canadiangenocide.nativeweb.org/> and check out an on-line petition at <http://www.petitiononline.com/genocid1/petition.html>.

Kevin Annett needs your help. He is on the verge of being arrested by people manipulating the legal system whilst protecting themselves and others in covering up their part in this ongoing cover-up.

It was your magazine that helped to bring these atrocities to the readers' notice. Please let them know it's not over yet and that much more needs to be done to bring this subject to the general public's notice in all countries where your great magazine is in circulation.

We have just been notified that Rev. Kevin Annett's book, *Love and Death in the Valley*, is now available to buy. It is the story of how Rev. Annett stumbled over the evidence of the Genocide of Native people on Canada's west coast while he worked as a United Church minister in Port Alberni—a discovery which cost him everything, but which has changed the face of Canadian society.

Rev. Annett can be contacted directly in Canada on (604) 466 1804 or by email at kevinannett@yahoo.ca.

Bob Higgins

Undersea Volcanism

Although one or two of the accompanying graphs are not entirely convincing, the article on undersea volcanism (NEXUS 9/05) may have identified a significant cause of global warming and climate change that has been overlooked to date.

Because this is a cause that we can do nothing about, some

people, especially the worst of the "Big Business" polluters, would argue that this makes it pointless to try to minimise our impact on the environment; but I believe that if undersea volcanism is a contributing factor, it makes it even more imperative that we do everything we can to reduce the impact of our activities on the environment.

Peter Schaper, Biggenden, Queensland, Australia

[Dear Peter: Even though I believe that climate change is natural and not man-made, I do not consider this any justification to pollute the ecosystem. Ed.]

Corporate Communism

In his article, "A History of Corporate Rule and Popular Protest" [9/06], Richard Heinberg implies that Socialism and Communism are the innocent victims of corporate aggression and slander. Nothing could be farther from the truth. They are all roots of the same tree.

I defy Mr Heinberg to tell me a single substantial difference between a socialist/communist state and a corporate state. Communism is merely a shortcut means of achieving a corporate state, in which one megacorporation owns and controls everything, including the "government".

Oh, you say, but a corporation has stockholders. What legal rights would the stockholders have if the corporation owned and controlled the government? The only rights would be in the hands of the directors of the corporation.

As evidence of the fact that communism is a means of creating a corporate state under a different name, note the vast amount of support given to the Bolsheviks, to the Soviet Union and to communism and other leftist causes in the US by various wealthy individuals and megacorporations and by their controlled news media.

Mr Heinberg cites the fact that after they took over, the Nazi Party persecuted the socialists and communists as evidence that the

Nazis were socialists in name only. This is a well-known tactic of communist/socialist revolutions. After they take over, they do a wholesale house-cleaning of their own members. They know that most of their members are revolutionaries, and the last thing they want is someone revolting against them!

Mr Heinberg is right about one thing: it's all about *power!*

Sincerely,

John M., Tampa, Florida, USA

George W. Bush's IQ

Hey guys: I've been reading NEXUS for years and have found very little objectionable material, but your reprint of an article questioning the intelligence of G. W. Bush in your last issue was in poor taste [see 9/05].

I'm a libertarian, and did not vote for Bush, so don't think I'm defending him. As you guys know, the American government is only a front for a shadow government, and Bush's IQ has absolutely nothing to do with anything. He's just a figurehead installed by the OWG [One World Government].

By the way, have you ever noticed how he can make a beautiful and coherent speech one day, and the next day he can't complete a whole sentence? He obviously smokes a little "happy plant" now and then. You guys should do the same.

Michael W. Peck, USA

[Dear Michael: The whole point of the item showing that Bush is an imbecile was to PROVE that someone else really is in charge. Nobody that stupid could possibly run a country. And the ONLY reason that he makes a "beautiful and coherent speech" one day and not the next is because that's when he's reading from the teleprompter what someone else has written for him. Ed.]

Qualification Fraud

Hi Duncan: Many thanks for producing such a wonderful magazine. I have been working for a university in Japan for a number of years and, as part of my

general duties, I am one of those responsible for the selection and placement of new staff members within our own foreign faculty.

In my personal experience I have noticed that there has been an alarming increase in what can only be described as serious "qualification fraud". In the 1980s this was mostly concerned with first degrees from dubious institutes of higher education, but more recently the trend is towards post-graduate degrees and even doctorates, and the situation is getting worse year on year.

If any of your readers have free email accounts (such as Hotmail), then I am sure that they will be all too familiar with the spam mail offering Bachelors, Masters and PhD degrees for little or no cost based on, er, "life experience".

Given the importance that NEXUS quite rightly places on openness and honesty, I would much prefer to see full disclosure of qualifications from those contributors who wish to cite them.

For me, John Smith, BA History (Bristol), MSc Political Science (Warwick), PhD (Oxon.) is much more reassuring than John Smith BA, MSc, PhD. I know that some articles include these details as part of their endnotes, but many do not. Letter writers, too, often seem reluctant to offer full disclosure...

A final request: any plans for NEXUS to become a monthly publication?

Kind regards,

Sean Maddalena, University of Ashiya, Ashiya, Japan

[Dear Sean: Thanks for your comments; we'll consider implementing this system in future issues. And at this stage, NEXUS will remain bi-monthly. Ed.]

Mysteries of Organ Donation

Deep bits and pieces in women's magazines about people taking on aspects of the donor's personality following a transplant, and I've seen another article, memorably titled, "Sex saved my life!", where the author said that she was able to receive a kidney donated by her

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husband because her body was used to dealing with his genetic material, although they were not compatible. (Yeah, I know you can't believe everything you read in those sorts of mags.)

These articles have led me to wonder: (a) if transplant recipients reject organs because they and the donor have incompatible personalities, and (b) if it would be possible to "train" people who are waiting for a transplant to accept the new organ. (Clearly, there are major difficulties where the donor's identity is not known until an organ becomes available.) Has anyone done any research on these issues?

If someone manages to get pigs to grow human organs, the idea of people taking on pig personalities is quite grotesque. Still, in the case of economic rationalists, it would result in an improvement.

Erika Ferguson, South Townsville, Queensland, Australia

Mad Cow Disease Theory

Dear Duncan: It has been proposed by Purdy and others that mad cow disease (MCD, or BSE) is caused by excess manganese in foods given to cows or, alternatively, that MCD or Prion disease is caused by insecticide usage.

Let's look at an experiment that can quickly disprove these ideas. A silver wire was inserted into the brain of a woman with undiagnosed prion disease. The silver wire was then removed and thoroughly medically washed, scrubbed and completely sterilised by hospital staff. If there was any insecticide or manganese on the wire, it would have been removed by the above procedure.

That silver wire was then placed into the brain of a healthy person, then removed and washed, scrubbed and sterilised again. This healthy person later developed prion disease. After the above sterilisation and thorough cleaning, the wire was later placed into the brain of a second healthy person. This second healthy person also developed prion disease. No insecticide or manganese parti-

cles could have possibly been present on this medically cleaned and sterilised silver wire. Yet two people coming into contact with this silver wire developed the prion disease vCJD.

Something was on that silver wire, but it could not have been manganese or insecticide or bits of contaminated meat protein cells, as the wire was cleaned as clean as our medical science can clean something, and a lot cleaner than the dishes in your sink. The silver wire was cleaned using multiple methods, not just simply washed.

So how did that silver wire transmit prion disease? Answer: we simply do not know. It would be silly to say we do know or to suggest insecticide or manganese were on the wire.

By the way, if one inserts a manganese wire into an animal's brain, the animal does not develop prion disease. Also, control rats in a laboratory, fed the same diets as test rats and not exposed to any insecticide or manganese, do not develop prion disease, while test rats do develop prion disease if the tiniest amount of MCD-infected material is placed in their brains. There need be no manganese or insecticide in that infected material for the prion disease to be transmitted. In other words, controlled experiments with rats, which exclude manganese and insecticide, show that prion disease is still transmitted in the absence of these two proposed causes of prion disease.

Blood-sucking insects have been shown to transmit prion disease, yet Purdy looks at the insecticide used on those insects, without ever looking at the insects themselves as the mode of transmission. Dry wood or drought do not cause fire: a spark or flame or very high temperature causes fire. Dry fuel will then fuel that fire, but not cause the fire. Similarly, high soil manganese levels may fuel prion disease, but will never cause it. Manganese does replace copper in prion disease, so supplying more manganese might make the disease progress more quickly.

But remember, there was no manganese on the above silver wire that successfully transmitted prion disease to two people. For those who do not know, prion disease existed long before any insecticides were invented. That would seem to quickly rule out insecticide as a cause of prion disease.

Peter Olson, moonbeam@earthling.net

Self-Aware Machines

I read with extreme fascination the interview with David Adair by Robert M. Stanley in NEXUS 9/05. His description of the strange ET device at Area 51 as well as his own rocket engine and his genius were spellbinding. What was of greatest interest to me was the apparent similarity of the alien device to a combination machine and life-form.

I have long believed that a computer-controlled device could be taken over by a spiritual being and could function as a life-form despite the lack of reproductive capability. All it would take is for the machine to have sensation in order to be attractive enough for a spiritual being to "interiorise" into it and control it. Senses equal self-awareness. If the machine can see, feel, hear, sense its own functions, etc., then it has the capability of becoming self-aware. I suspect that this will be the next development of science.

Adair's statement that the alien engine appeared to have been grown rather than manufactured may have hit the nail on the head. Our own bodies are extremely complex devices consisting of many different chemical compounds. So are trees. Why couldn't extremely advanced genetic engineering produce a spacecraft engine or a complete spacecraft?

I wish I could be at Area 51 to visit this alien "machine" and communicate with it. I feel a certain amount of sympathy with it, too, since it is isolated there with hostile people who will never begin to understand it or communicate with it.

John G. Marson, USA

Alien Intervention Theory

Dear Duncan: John Anthony West's letter in response to Lloyd Pye's theory of ET engineering of domestic plants and animals, including our species, makes some astute points about the principle of Intelligent Design in evolutionary development [9/05].

But I believe West is too dismissive of the ET hypothesis, as Pye is of the former argument. The two ideas are not mutually exclusive, and to get trapped in the either/or box does nothing to advance our comprehension of the vast sweep of evolution.

In 1986, Stuart Litvak and I wrote a definitive book on the Intelligent Design theory of evolution, entitled *Toward a New Brain: Evolution and the Human Mind* (originally published by Prentice-Hall and available via amazon.com), which dispatched both Creationism and neo-Darwinism.

In it we laid out the solid foundation of a teleological model of evolution, based on the dynamic of consciousness itself. Although we did not include a possible ET factor, this would not in any way detract from the model; in fact it could reinforce it. Of course, the lack of "empirical evidence" renders it "unscientific" in this context. And now the neo-Darwinists are accusing the ID advocates of trying to get God in the debate through the back door!

Ultimately, as West indicates, "proof" of phenomena originating from a higher dimension cannot be readily accessed, if at all, by consciousness from a lower dimension. It's the situation of the ants and the writing pen: the ants came across mysterious markings on paper, were baffled by the mystery until one day they saw the tip of the pen making contact with the paper. Although they had no conception of human beings, some of the ants thought they were very close to solving the mystery...

A. Wayne Senzee, Phoenix, Arizona, USA